

REMARKS

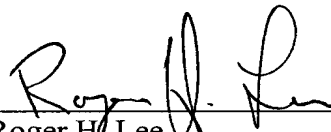
Entry of the foregoing amendment prior to an examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Due to changes in Patent Office procedure, the amendment to the specification set forth at page 3 (item 12) of the Request for Filing Divisional Application filed July 31, 2003, is not effective. Accordingly, by the above amendment, the specification has been amended to recite the claim for domestic priority to Application No. 09/880,944.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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